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Corps completes cleanup of small disposal area near American University, no chemical warfare materiel found

Baltimore - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, announced today that it has completed the soil removal and cleanup of a small disposal area located near American University in the Spring Valley neighborhood of Washington, D.C., pending the analysis of soil samples taken during the excavation work. Corps officials expect these test results next week.

During the four days of work that began Monday, Jan. 8, the Corps safely removed 160, 55-gallon drums of soil and glass and metal debris. No chemical warfare materiel was detected during the cleanup effort. All the soil removed from the site has been tested and is waiting to be transported to an off-site landfill. Restoration of the site is expected to begin next week.

Residents evacuated during the work have returned to their homes. The two buildings on American University and the portion of Rockwood Parkway that were closed during the daytime removal work have been reopened.

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<http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/projects/WashingtonDC/springvalley.htm>